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Industries in Begovat (40°13'N, 67°15'E)

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1. Khilkev Cement Works (in Begovat). Located along the railroad, next to the railway station of Begovat. The factory receives the raw material from the quarry at the Parkhastroi Hydroelectric Plant [redacted] which is 15 km away. The stones are carried by a small-gauge local track with rails to the cement factory, where they are burned in two large ovens. The factory has its own power plant. It produces an average of 60 carloads of cement, amounting to 1,500 tons, in 24 hours. Sixty percent of the cement production was delivered to the construction site of the Parkhastroi Dam in 1946. This is allegedly the only cement factory in Central Asia. A total of approximately 2,000 employees work in two 12-hour shifts.

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2. Uzbek Metallurgical Factory: A single-track railroad leads from the station to the Uzbek Metallurgical Plant (UMZ). In the spring of 1946, this plant employed about 1,500 workers, who lived in barracks near the factory. [redacted] Cement: 1,500 in July 1946. [redacted] Its construction was not completed as of date of information.

3. Asbestos Works: Produces asbestos pipes in various sizes with approximately 400 workers. Asbestos is mined with cement, which comes from the Khilkev Cement Works.

4. Auto Base: The town has an automobile base. Number of trucks unknown. (\*Ministry of Transport Machinery)

Rare Metal Mines near Milutynsk (40°01'N, 67°35'E)

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5. A large warehouse located opposite the railway station of Milutynsk is used as a collecting point and storage for a rare ore. The warehouse employs approximately 200 workers. The ore is extremely heavy.

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25X1 like gunpowder. It reflects light like salt but is not crystalline in appearance. [redacted] that it is harder than glass. The color of the ore grains varies from a sandy yellow to a brownish dark yellow. It is packed first in strong cotton sacks, 35 x 50 cm., which are put into similar sized jute sacks. One packed sack weighs 65 to 70 kg. Two to four carloads of the ore are shipped monthly in the direction of Tashkent.

25X1 [redacted] This ore is the best of its kind in the US R and [redacted] it is allegedly used in tank and airplane production. 25X1 Comment: [redacted] name of the ore phonetically as "shalt". The nearest phonetic equivalent in Russian which could fit the above description is уральск or меемт-схоолит, or calcium tungstate. 25X1 Another possibility is ромеополит халеса-фе-барит.)

25X1 6. The ore is extracted in mines located in a hilly region approximately forty km. south of Milutynsk. [redacted] name "Kaitashatroi" (phonetic spelling) in reference to the mines (exact location unknown). A road which is in good condition connects the mines with Milutynsk. The mine shafts are shallow and some ore can be extracted by surface mining. About 3,500 Russians are employed at the mining sites. Convict or FI labor is not used. About 30% of the personnel is prospecting for new mines. There are also gold mines in the neighborhood.

25X1 7. The ore is processed in a crushing plant near the mine shafts, washed, packed in sacks, and taken every second week by truck to the Milutynsk warehouse. 25X1 All transports and storage points are guarded by civilian guards. [redacted] 25X1 the mines were in operation before the beginning of World War II.

25X1 8. All workers are very well paid and receive extra food rations, chocolates, 25X1 cigarettes, and good clothing.

9. The warehouse at Milutynsk is also used as a supply dump for food, clothing, and fuel for the miners and for lumber used in the shafts. Rice, flour, and sugar are supplied to Milutynsk from Dzhuma.

25X1 10. There are mines located in Dzhuma (39°42'N, 66°41'E) and Jar-Bulak (49°10'N, 67°05'E or 39°44'N, 67°40'E; not known which) which belong to the same mining administration as the ones at Milutynsk. [redacted]

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